

1 [Condemning Anti-LGBT Actions in the Chechen Republic]

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3 **Resolution condemning anti-LGBT actions in the Chechen Republic and joining in**  
4 **solidarity with all LGBT Russians in their fight for lives, dignity and respect.**

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6 WHEREAS, It is the duty of all governments, democratically elected or otherwise, to  
7 ensure that human and civil rights, such as the freedom of assembly and expression, as well  
8 as freedom from physical violence at the hands of the state, is afforded to all citizens; and,

9 WHEREAS, When a government targets minority groups for persecution, abuse and  
10 murder that government is committing crimes against humanity; and

11 WHEREAS, On April 4, 2017, the Russian news outlet Novaya Gazeta first reported  
12 that gay men in the Chechen Republic (Chechnya) are being arrested by police, and being  
13 sent to de facto concentration camps; and

14 WHEREAS, The men sent to these concentration camps are reporting to have been  
15 tortured to get the names of other gay men for further arrests, and three of these men have  
16 reportedly died at the hands of the police; and

17 WHEREAS, Chechen President Ramzan Kadyrov, often using Instagram, has actively  
18 chosen to erase the existence of gay Chechens in public commentary by claiming they do not  
19 exist, and at the same time inferring families would murder them in honor killings if gay men  
20 were in Chechnya; and

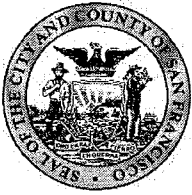
21 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has historically been at the forefront  
22 of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) and sexual and gender minority social justice,  
23 human and civil rights; and

1           WHEREAS, San Francisco has become the beacon of hope for so many LGBT people  
2 fleeing hostility, persecution and violence in the United States and across the world, now,  
3 therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors condemns the government sanctioned  
5 persecution, torture and murder of gay men in the Chechen Republic, and joins in solidarity  
6 with all LGBT Russians in their fight for lives, dignity and respect; and be it

7           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors requests that  
8 the California State Legislature also censure the Chechen government sanctioned  
9 persecution of gay men; and be it

10          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors requests that  
11 our federal legislative delegation take action to encourage the U.S. Citizenship and  
12 Immigration Services to create protocols for expedited asylum status for individuals fleeing  
13 persecution due to their sexual orientation and/or gender identity.



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April 18, 2017 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Breed, Cohen, Farrell, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Tang and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/18/2017 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

4/28/2017

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Mayor

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Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

*Regan Nevin*  
for Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

*4/28/17*  
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Date